GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:232
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2007
NATIONAL RATING SYSTEM FOR GREEN BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop a national rating system for green buildings;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether any Memorandum of understanding has been signed between the Government and Energy Research Institute in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 232 FOR 30TH NOVEMBER, 2007 ON "NATIONAL RATING SYSTEM FOR GREEN BUILDINGS"

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A National System to rate the buildings in terms of renewable energy usage, energy efficiency etc. is being developed. Such pro-active measures would be assessed in terms of 'greenness' and ratings assigned. The objective of the Rating System is to catalyze the speedy adoption of building techniques, technologies and procedures that will promote design and construction of energy efficient and sustainable buildings in the country. The system, by its qualitative and quantitative assessment criteria, would be able to 'rate' a building on the degree of its 'greenness'.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The main purpose of the MoU is the development and operationalisation of National Rating System for Green Buildings. A National Advisory Council comprising of eminent architects, engineers, builders, experts and officials from concerned Government Department and Agencies shall provide necessary guidance and a Technical Advisory Committee shall provide technical advice. The Rating Secretariat will be hosted by TERI. The MoU is valid initially for a period of five years.